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SILVER LIFE-SAVING MEDAL.

The Secretary of the Treasury has awarded a Silver Life-Saving Medal to Irvin Harold Smith, ex-Seaman, U.S.Navy, 214 Norton Street, Ukiah, Calif., in recognition of his service in saving a man from drowning in the Hudson River on 4 January 1919.

COMMENDATIONS.

The Secretary of the Navy has addressed letters of commendation to the following:

Lieut. (jg) Robert J. C. Maulsby, U.S.Navy, VS Squadron Five-B, for unselfish action and for the spirit which prompted it, in attempting to rescue Lieut. Robert W. Larson, U.S.N., and Sidney L. Harris, A.M.M. 1c, U.S.N., from a plane which had crashed off Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

EMRICK, Charles Edward, Yeoman 2c, U.S.Navy, U.S.S. Chester, for prompt and courageous action in assisting Rear Admiral Harry L. Brinser, U.S.Navy, to gain a position of safety, after the action of a heavy sea had thrown the latter from the gangway of the U.S.S. Northampton into the water between a barge and the ship.

SPONSOR FOR U.S.S. SAVANNAH.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has designated Miss Jane Mayo Bowden, fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bowden, of 501 East 41st Street, Savannah, Georgia, as sponsor for the U.S.S. SAVANNAH (CL42), named for the City of Savannah, Georgia, and the third vessel of that name.

Miss Bowden, a student at Miss Pape's Private School for Girls in Savannah, is a niece of Senator Richard B. Russell, Jr., Congressman Hugh Peterson, Jr., and a granddaughter of Chief Justice Richard B. Russell of the Georgia Supreme Court. She is also a grandniece of the late Captain Robt.B. Russell, U.S.Navy.

The U.S.S. SAVANNAH (CL42) is scheduled to be launched at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N. J., 15 October 1936.

This vessel was authorized by Act of Congress approved June 16, 1933.

SCHOLARSHIP AT BABSON INSTITUTE.

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation has accepted a scholarship for a nine-months' course in Babson Institute, to begin 23 September 1936.

Ensign Hugie L. Foote, Jr., Supply Corps, U.S.Navy, has been selected for this course.

ORDERS TO ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

Several ships and stations are not complying with Article D-7001(7), Bureau of Navigation Manual, when transferring drafts which include chief petty officers and petty officers first class, which requires that:

"(7) If individual orders have not been issued by higher authority, commanding officers when transferring chief petty officers and petty officers, first class, shall issue orders to them by name, in order to avoid any confusion that might arise in regard to transportation of dependents."

Reason:

Drafts are arriving at the Receiving Ship at New York with transfer orders that include chief petty officers and petty officers, first class, with other ratings. The Receiving Ship is requested to make many copies of these orders to provide certified copies necessary for vouchers for transfer of dependents and household effects.

SITUATION IN REGARD TO PAY GRADES 2 AND 3.

A glance at the allowance lists for the fiscal year 1937 indicates a marked reduction in the number of petty officers first class and second class that may not be understood. Therefore, in order to clarify the situation, and to avoid unnecessary correspondence, the following brief is being issued:

"The Naval Appropriation Bill, as finally passed, carried pay for enlisted personnel on a ratio of 12% in pay grade 2, and 15% in pay grade 3. These percentages are not the ones on which the distribution of personnel has been based for the past few years, and it became necessary to adjust all allowance lists to take care of the lowered percentages in these two pay grades.

"This action, required by the provisions of the Naval Appropriation Bill, has the following effects:

- (1) Stopped promotion into the ratings of petty officer, first class, for the Fourth Quarter, 1936, and the First Quarter, 1937. It may be possible to make promotions to this grade during the Second Quarter of 1937.
- (2) Since the entire percentage of petty officers, first class, and petty officers, second class, is actually allotted to ships and stations, requests for increase of allowance in such ratings during the fiscal year 1937 must of necessity be disapproved. There is no provision made in the Bureau's figures for 1937 to allow for men of these pay grades in hospital, in transit, etc. Therefore, in addition to the actual reduction in the 1937 allowance over that of 1936, further temporary vacancies may be expected due to the number of petty officers, first class and second class, actually in hospitals or in transit.
- (3) Increase the promotions into the grade of petty officer, third class, and fireman, first class."

REQUESTS FOR DUTY
Submarine Duty - Enlisted Men.

The Bureau is receiving insufficient requests from enlisted men for submarine training. Seaman, Firemen, and certain petty officers third class are desired for this instruction, and according to present estimates about forty men will be required each month for instruction at the Submarine School, New London, Conn.

Commanding officers are requested to encourage men that are physically and in other respects qualified for submarine duty, and to forward such requests promptly to the Bureau. Attention is invited to the fact that qualified submarine men are paid extra compensation.

INFORMATION REGARDING ALLOTMENTS.

The attention of the Bureau has been invited to a corporation whose method of operation is such as to circumvent the restrictions established by the Department as to the purposes for which allotments may be registered.

In order to obtain a loan, the borrower, besides signing the usual papers, is required to enter into a contract for a \$1,000 "bond" or "savings contract," both loan and "savings contract" to be handled by a single allotment. Of the amount allotted, \$7.00 becomes a credit on the savings end of the transaction, and the remainder of the allotment goes toward paying off the loan. As an example, if an individual borrows \$300 to be paid back in 12 months, \$7.00 of this allotment being credited to the savings contract, and \$25.00 goes toward paying off the loan. Like all such loans it is discounted and he receives about \$250.00 cash. At the end of 12 months he has actually paid in \$384.00.

In most cases the men discontinue their contracts as soon as the loan is repaid, as they can see no advantage in continuing the savings end of the transaction. The contract has no cash surrender value before it has been in effect 18 months, and the cash surrender value does not equal the amount paid in until the contract has been in effect about six years. In the example drawn up above, the man, having discontinued payments at the end of 12 months, has paid \$384.00 for a loan of \$250.00 for a period of one year.

The above indicates the importance of investigating thoroughly the object of allotments in order that assurance may be had that the allotment system is being used for legitimate purposes. Furthermore, instruction of personnel should be continued as to such transactions, pointing out to them exactly what it is costing them in becoming a party to this contract.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

The following-named enlisted personnel of the regular Navy died during the period 21 June to 5 July, 1936, inclusive:

BRACKETT, Thomas Abraham, Storekeeper 2c, U.S.N. Died 5 July 1936, U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, Mother, Mrs. Ida Brackett, 40 Whipple Ave., Laconia, N. H.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL (cont'd)

BERKTOLD, Edward Daniel, B.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 5 July 1936 by drowning in the Yangtze River, China. (Attached U.S.S. PANAY.) Next of kin, Father, Mr. Edward G. BerktoId, 3828 Folsom Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

ESTIOCO, Braulio, M.Att.1c, U.S.N. Died 28 June 1936 at Los Angeles, Calif., while on liberty from the U.S.S. MEDUSA. Next of kin, Wife, Geraldine Estioco, 949¹/₂ So. Normandie St., Los Angeles, Calif.

JOHNSON, Huntley Jewel, AppSea., U.S.N. Died 27 June 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Frank A. Johnson, Columbus, Mont.

KELLEY, Kenneth Howard, Seaman 1c, U.S.N. Died 28 June 1936 while on leave from U.S.S. HOUSTON, at Hynes, Calif. Next of kin, Father, Mr. James Howard Kelley, 1281 Hester Ave., San Jose, Calif.

KRINER, Paul Danuel, Y. 2c, U.S.N. Died on 2 July 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, Wife, Mrs. Olive P. Kriner, 3302 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, Calif.

MANNING, Henry, Seaman 1c, U.S.N. Died on 4 July 1936 aboard U.S.S. RELIEF. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Luther A. Manning, Route #2, Lubbock, Texas.

RICK, Rudolf John, Seaman 1c, U.S.N. Died on 26 June 1936 by drowning, while attached U.S.S. WRIGHT. Next of kin, Mother, Mrs. Katherine Hunchick, Stewart Ave. and Balsalm Place, Central Park, Long Island City, New York.

ROWLAND, Walter Theodore, M.M.1c, U.S.N. Died 2 July 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Next of kin, Sister, Miss Elsie F. Rowland, 111 Lecony Circle, Palmyra, N. J.

SCHEUFELE, Carl George, E.M. 3c, U.S.N. Died 21 June 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Gottlieb Scheufele, Box #446 Cottage Grove, Ore.

STEPANUK, Eugene, Seaman 2c, U.S.N. Died 28 June 1936, Mission Beach, Calif. (Attached U.S.S. DALE.) Next of kin, Sister, Celia Stepanuk, 115 Asylum St., New Haven, Conn.

The following-named enlisted personnel of the regular Navy died during the period 6 July to 26 July 1936, inclusive:

BUTTERFIELD, Charles Cleophus, M.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 21 July 1936, aboard U.S.S. CANOPUS at Tsingtao, China. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Grant Butterfield, Porter, Washington.

DUNAGAN, W. H., Seaman 1c, U.S.N. Died 20 July 1935, U.S.Naval Hospital, Puget Sound, Wash. Next of kin, Father, Mr. William H. Dunagan, Box 365, Crowell, Texas.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL (cont'd)

EKSTROM, Robert Howard, M.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 24 July 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Cal. Next of kin, Mother, Mrs. Ada Ekstrom, Route #1, Kawkawlin, Mich.

GOHMAN, John Harry, Aviation Mach. Mate 1c, U.S.N. Died 25 July 1936, U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Henry Freeman Gohman, Rockdale, Texas.

GREEN, Lawrence Ivan, Coxswain, U.S.Navy. Died 17 July 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Edward Purl Green, 410 Bensyl Ave., Danville, Ill.

GRESKY, Paul Leon, A.M.M.3c, U.S.N. Died 23 July 1936, Santa Maria, Calif. (Attached Aviation Unit, U.S.S. PENSACOLA.) Next of kin, Wife, Mrs. Mildred Gresky, 423 Juniper St., San Diego, Calif.

GULLIKSON, Harold, Water Tender 1c, U.S.N. Died 15 July 1936 at Middle River, Minn., while on leave from U.S.S. CHICAGO. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Martin N. Gullikson, address, Middle River, Minn.

KANE, Leroy August, Seaman 2c, U.S.N. Died on 11 July 1936, at Richland Center, Wisc., while on leave from the U.S.S. REINA MERCEDES. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Leroy T.D. Kane, c/o Daniel F. Kane, Quartermaster Corps, Fort Snelling, Minn.

LAYTON, Walter Kenneth, App.Sea., U.S.N. Died 7 July 1936, U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, Brother, Mr. Earl Layton, 1711 Vine St., Denver, Colo.

McMANNAMA, Charles Emerson, C.Smith 1c, U.S.N. Died 8 July 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, Wife, Mrs. Mae Theresa McMannama, 2475 "F" St., San Diego, Calif.

ROBERTSON, Merrel LaJoie, A.M.M.3c, U.S.N. Died 10 July 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif. Next of kin, Wife, Mrs. Margaret Anna Robertson, 1346 Front St., San Diego, Calif.

ROGERS, Harold Alvin, Fireman 2c, U.S.N. Died 26 July 1936 aboard U.S.S. AUGUSTA, in Chinese Waters. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Ora G. Rogers, Route #2, Box 290-F, Fontana, Calif.

RUSH, Charles Emory, S.1c, U.S.N. Died 17 July 1936 while attached USS BARNEY at Newport, R.I. Next of kin, Father, Mr. Eugene Allen Rush, Route #2, Maitland, Fla.

STRAUSS, Gordon Welge, Painter 1c, U.S.N. Died 7 July 1936, U.S.Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Next of kin, Wife, Mrs. Doris Strauss, 2036 Bentalou St., Balto., Md.

TOBEY, Allen Guy, Radioman 3c, U.S.N. Died 23 July 1936, County Hospital Hollister, Calif. (Attached U.S.Receiving Ship, San Francisco, Calif.) Next of kin, Mother, Mrs. Dolores B. Tobey, 4534 Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, Calif.

SERVICE RECORDS OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

The following is quoted from a letter received in the Bureau from the Officer in Charge of the Navy Recruiting Station, Kansas City, Mo.:

"1. On a number of recent occasions men have reported at this station for reenlistment with incomplete discharge papers, usually without statements of service, or with incorrect statements. Most frequent is the failure to enter "total net service" at the bottom of Honorable Discharges. There is sometimes evidence that Honorable Discharges are hastily prepared.

"2. It is suggested that compliance with current instructions will result in placing the man in possession of the complete papers to which he is entitled, will subsequently eliminate much correspondence regarding longevity pay, and will enable recruiting stations to prepare complete and correct shipping articles and service records."

Commanding officers are earnestly requested to comply with existing instructions in order that the conditions outlined above may be eliminated.

DUTTON'S "NAVIGATION AND NAUTICAL ASTRONOMY"
AND "THE PRACTICAL MANUAL OF THE COMPASS."

Requests from ships for charts and other publications of the Hydrographic Office frequently include both Dutton's "Navigation and Nautical Astronomy" and "The Practical Manual of the Compass," apparently under the assumption that these are Hydrographic Office publications. On the contrary, they are published by the Naval Institute, and while copies are purchased for ships' libraries, they are not distributed by the Hydrographic Office.

In order to save additional paper work when these publications are desired, it is desired that the requests be made direct to the Bureau of Navigation